

The Green Thumb

A Newsletter of Extension Horticultural Activities and Events
For York County Extension Volunteers

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Calendar Of Events

Sept 3 rd , Tuesday	9am-12, 2002 Peninsula Master Gardener Training begins, Yorkminster Presbyterian
Sept 5 th , Thursday	9am-12, Master Gardener Training Class with Dr. Bankes, Yorkminster Presbyterian
Sept 7 th , Saturday	10am-12, Lawn Maintenance Clinic, True Value Hardware (new location)
Sept 10 th , Tuesday	9:30-10:30am, Herb Flavored Oils Class, St. Lukes (See Article)
Sept 14 th , Saturday	10am-12, Lawn Maintenance Clinic, Seaford (preregister 890-4944)
Sept 15th, Sunday	Deadline for October's Green Thumb
Sept 17 th , Tuesday	6:30pm, Programming Meeting and Awards, St. Lukes (See Article)
Sept 18 th , Wednesday	Hampton Roads Agricultural Field Day, Virginia Beach (See Jim's Notes)
Sept 18 th , Wednesday	7pm, Extension Leadership Council meeting, York Extension Office
Sept 20 th , Friday	12 noon-1pm, HearSay Radio Show, WHRO 89.5 F.M.
Sept 21 st , Saturday	9am, Home Gardener Program, Fall session begins, St. Joan of Arc Church
Sept 21 st , Saturday	10am-12, Lawn Maintenance Clinic, Old Port Cove (preregister 890-4940)
Sept 21 st , Saturday	Virginia Beach Master Gardener's Community Gardening Day (See Jim's Notes)
Oct 8 th , Tuesday	9:30am, Programming Meeting, St. Lukes
Nov 12 th , Tuesday	9:30am, Programming Meeting, introduction of new MG's, St. Lukes
Dec 10 th , Tuesday	9:30am, Holiday Luncheon with Speaker, St. Lukes

Thursdays Work/Learn Day in the Learning Garden 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

For additions/corrections to the Calendar of Events contact Jody at 890-4940 or Teresa Bennett at 875-0026, e-mail: BennettTeresaH@aol.com. The deadline for the Green Thumb is ALWAYS the 15th of the month, no exception.

E-mail changes: If you have changes to any of the methods of communication to you please notify Jody. Jody will pass the word. We want to keep in contact with you. These changes will be posted to the weekly e-mails and will be in the Green Thumb.

Master Gardener Mission Statement: *Our mission, as trained volunteers in partnership with the York County, Virginia Cooperative Extension Agent, is to provide horticultural educational opportunities to the public through research-based horticultural programs and activities to enhance our environment, lives and community.*

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Notes from Jim

The only way that we know that fall is approaching is because the calendar says so, and we begin the 2002 Master Gardener Training Program. Yes, the program begins on September 3, with an orientation at Yorkminster Presbyterian Church (new location) on Route 17. Dr. Dave Bankes kicks off the instruction with the September 5th class. We do have a full program, and thanks to the curriculum committee, we are introducing some new speakers into the program. As always, Master Gardeners are welcome to attend any class that they want to refresh themselves on. We will start promptly at 9:00am, so please be timely in your arrival. If you need a schedule, please go to the website www.yorkcounty.gov/vce -it is listed under upcoming events.

Thanks to all Master Gardeners that responded to the phone calls while I was out of the office during August. The goal happened. When I returned to the office, I did not have to return any unanswered horticultural phone calls. That is excellent, because there is already plenty for me to catch up on, without that distraction. You made my return very efficient and effective. Thank you.

I have not seen any announcements about it yet, but I know that the Virginia Beach Master Gardeners plan a community gardening day. It should be on September 21 (the Saturday after the Hampton Roads Agricultural Research and Extension Center Field Day which will be held on September 18.) <http://www.vaes.vt.edu/hampton/index.html>. This is the site for the research station. When we receive this information, we will get it out to you through the email. If you are interested, please contact the Virginia Beach Extension Office at 427-4769.

The fall portion of the Home Gardener program begins on Saturday September 21, from 9am until 12 noon. The deadline for applications has passed.

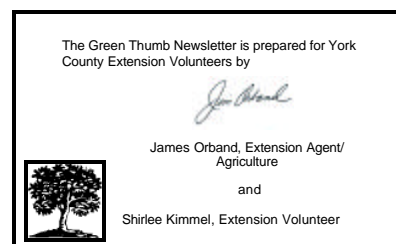
Have a great fall.
Jim

Terry's Notes

It's September already, and the cooler days will soon be here. The new class of MGs is up and running, thanks to the many hours and hard work of those on that committee. And speaking of class, I am offering a fun little class to all of you herb fans. Check the related article for all the information. Several changes have also been made to the calendar for the upcoming months. Please check it carefully and don't forget to make the changes on your calendar. And check the website for all the latest information. One last reminder: if you need mums, think of the 4-H Mums that are available for sale. The office has all the details for you.

New Email Address:

Sid Barrett - rsbarrett@widomaker.com



Congratulations!

On the evening of August 1, 2002, the following persons were inducted
into The Order of the Fork:

Agnes Evans
Dan Hawley
Jim Orband
Evelyn Pinckney

Programming Meeting & Awards

Mark September 17th, 6:30 PM, at St. Luke's on your calendar and plan on attending. We will have our regular programming meeting, but will also be awarding all of the pins and certificates to those MGs that were not able to attend the Master Gardener College. It's really something to see all of the hours that have been given to you by so many of the MGs. I encourage you to bring anything from your gardens that you would like to share-- flowers, vegetables, or plants, and there will be a table set up for any refreshments you would like to share. Drinks will be provided. Come out and congratulate all of your fellow MGs who will be receiving awards. We will also be welcoming the new MGs who have completed their 50 hours of volunteer service. See you there!

Herb Flavored Oils Class

If you love to grow herbs, or love to taste herbs, or just want to have fun. . .come join us for a class on Flavored Oils. We will use any of the herbs you bring in that you think would taste good. Meet in the kitchen at St. Luke's, 9:30-10:30, Sept 10th (regular programming meeting has been moved to Sept 17th). EVERYONE is welcome to come. Here's what you need to bring:

- At least one small jar of olive oil, more jars if you want--a decorative jar will work if it has a cork or some means of sealing the top.
- one clove of garlic
- Any herbs from your garden that we will all share.
- A cutting board
- a small knife
- An apron if you are messy

Questions? Call or email Terry Hanson.

American Gardener Magazine

Names of YCMG have been faxed to the American Horticultural Society (AHS), publishers of the American Gardener Magazine. Those of you who wanted to become subscriber; you will be receiving your invitation and bill in the mail. Once AHS receives your payment, you will start receiving the magazine.

We have been informed this \$10.00 reduced rate does NOT apply to renewals.

Leesburg Program and Tour

Restoring, Renovating and Rejuvenating Your Garden is the subject of a November 16, 2002, 10:00a.m. Master Gardener program, in Leesburg. They are also working on getting a group rate to tour Oatlands Plantation, which will be decorated for Christmas by that time. We will let you know more details as we learn them.

2002 Master Gardener Class York County Trainees

Interviews for the 2002 York County Master Gardener trainees are complete. Thanks to Mary Frances Baker, Doris Eagle, Norma Jackson, and Ricky Noble all applicants were interviewed and evaluated. Detailed description of the YCMG program and the hours pay-back requirement was discussed with each. Nineteen YCMG trainees will have an Orientation meeting on September 3rd in preparation for the class starting September 5th.

Applications were mailed to 34 people; 19 people returned their applications along with a check for \$80.00.



Jamestown 4-H Center Family Fun Day Folk Festival



TEAM

Saturday, September 7, 2002
Jamestown 4-H Center
11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Arts & Crafts

The Runaway String Band

Sports & Games



Folk Music

Floating Folk Festival

Kim Kalman

Rain or Shine

Vendors

Zendiva

Sponsored by the Chesapeake District Ruritan Clubs

Tickets
Adults \$10.00
Youth 3-10 yrs old \$5.00
Kids under 3 Free
For information & tickets call:
(757) 253-4931



Bring your lawn chair

No Coolers